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SUBJECT: BUNDESRAT APPROVES AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE
ON MEAT PRODUCTS PROHIBITING USE OF SOY FLOUR AND SOY
PROTEIN PRODUCTS IN ALL MEAT PRODUCTS

1. ON NOV.25 THE BUNDESRAT APPROVED AN AMENDMENT TO THE
ORDINANCE ON MEAT PRODUCTS, WHICH INCLUDES A PROHIBITION
OF THE USE OF SOY FLOUR AND OTHER SOYPROTEIN PRODUCTS
IN ANY KIND OF MEAT PRODUCTS. THIS AMENDMENT WILL
BECOME EFFECTIVE ON JAN.1,78.

2. THE PROVISION PROHIBITING USE OF SOY PROTEIN
PRODUCTS WAS NOT PART OF FEDMINHEALTH'S PROPOSED DRAFT.
IT WAS FORMULATED AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT BY SOME
OF THE LAENDER (STATES) IN DISCUSSIONS IN BUNDESRAT
HEALTH COMMITTEE. THE BUNDESRAT APPROVED THE COMMITTEE
PROPOSAL PROHIBITING SOY PRODUCTS WITH A NARROW MAJORI-
TY.

3. OTHER NON-MEAT FOOD SUBSTANCES REMAIN ON THE APPROVED
LIST FOR USE WITH A NUMBER OF PREPARED MEAT PRODUCTS
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AND MAY BE USED WITHOUT LABELING. FOLLOWING IS AN
INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE PERTINENT PART OF ENCLO-
SURE 3 TO ARTICLE 3, PARA 2 OF THE MEAT PRODUCTS OR-
DINANCE LISTING NON-MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS APPROVED FOR
USE WITH A NUMBER OF PREPARED, READY TO EAT PRODUCTS
INCLUDING FROZEN HAMBURGERS: PISTACHIO KERNELS,
TRUFFELS, CUCUMBERS, CARROTS, PEAS, BEANS, RED PEPPER,

PEPPERONI, TOMATOES, OLIVES, MUSHROOMS, CORN, ASPARAGUS, HARD BOILED EGGS, POTATOES; FURTHERMORE, BUTTER, BUTTER OIL, CHEESE, EGGS AND PRODUCTS THEREOF, STARCH, BREAKFAST ROLLS, GRAIN PRODUCTS, PASTA GOODS, FRUIT AND VEGETABLES, EXCLUDING SOY AND SOYA PRODUCTS.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: EARLY IN DEVELOPMENT OF FEDMIN HEALTH'S DRAFT AMENDMENT AGATTACHE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER EXTENSIVELY WITH HIGH LEVEL FEDMINHEALTH AND FEDMINAG REPRESENTATIVES. WE INDICATED STRONG US INTEREST IN THIS MATTER, DISCUSSED THE ADVANTAGES RESULTING FROM CONTROLLED USE OF SOY PROTEIN IN CERTAIN MEAT PRODUCTS AND EMPHASIZED THAT FOOD LAWS SHOULD NOT BE MISUSED AS A PROTECTIONIST MEASURE TO SATISFY CERTAIN GERMAN PRODUCER GROUPS. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, FEDMINHEALTH REACTED POSITIVELY AND ACTIVELY SUPPORTED CONTROLLED USE OF SOY PRODUCTS IN SELECTED MEAT PRODUCTS. THE HIGH-LEVEL FEDMINAG OFFICIAL, HOWEVER, FEARED THAT SOY PROTEIN, ONCE APPROVED EVEN FOR LIMITED USE, WOULD EVENTUALLY REPLACE MEAT TO SOME EXTENT IN A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT MEAT PRODUCTS. THE BUNDESRAT REPORT ON ITS DECISION ALSO STATED THAT SOY PROTEIN COULD REPLACE UP TO 30 PERCENT OF MEAT CONTENTS IN A NUMBER OF MEAT AND SAUSAGE PRODUCTS AND ADDED THAT FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND POSSIBLE IMPORTS OF MEAT COULD SATISFY THE DEMAND FOR MEAT

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PRODUCTS WITHOUT THE USE OF PLANT PROTEIN.

5. INTERESTED USERS OF SOY PRODUCTS ARE REPORTED TO BE REVIEWING THE CONSEQUENCES OF RECENT DISCRIMINATORY BUNDESRAT DECISION AND POSSIBLY TO BE CONSIDERING LEGAL STEPS.

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